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News and Notes from the
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TOP 20 TITHES

(Received by September 15, 1985)

1. MCC Dallas..... Dallas, TX - \$2,374.64
2. MCC San Diego.....San Diego, CA - 1,981.43
3. MCC of Resurrection..... Houston, TX - 1,633.07
4. Ch.of H.Spirit MCC... Ft. Lderdle, FL - 1,209.75
5. MCC in the Valley....N. Hollywood, CA - 1,102.66
6. MCC Long Beach.....Long Beach, CA - 936.03
7. MCC Los Angeles.....Los Angeles, CA - 874.60
8. MCC Washington..... Washington, DC - 798.98
9. MCC of Grtr St.Louis... St. Louis, MO - 797.57
10. MCC New York..... New York, NY - 783.90
11. All God's Children MCC.....Minn., MN - 712.97
12. MCC TorontoToronto, ONT - * 658.60
13. Agape MCC of Ft. Worth..Ft. Worth, TX - 638.78
14. MCC of Grtr K.C..... Kansas City, MO - 616.13
15. MCC San Antonio..... San Antonio, TX - 603.15
16. Christ Chapel MCC..... Santa Ana, CA - 553.51
17. St. Luke's MCC..... Jacksonville, FL - 532.51
18. MCC Seattle Seattle, WA - 532.12
19. MCC Tampa Tampa, FL - 523.03
20. MCC of the Disciples.. Washington, DC - 498.71

* Canadian exchanged to U.S. Currency

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1. Harlem MCC..... New York, NY - \$ 56.95
2. MCC Ocean of Life..... Costa Mesa, CA - 23.03
3. Harmony MCC Killeen, TX - 21.83
4. Diablo Valley MCC Concord, CA - 20.93
5. Calvary MCC Redwood City, CA - 19.61
6. MCC of the Disciples ..Washington, DC - 18.75
7. Trinity MCC New York, NY - 18.70
8. MCC Providence Providence, RI - 17.27
9. River of Life MCC Richland, WA - 16.74
10. MCC Wichita Wichita, KS - 16.36
11. MCC Philadelphia ... Philadelphia, PA - 16.25
12. MCC Rockville Rockville, MD - 15.99
13. All Saints MCC Atlanta, GA - 15.79
14. New Life MCC Oakland, CA - 15.04
15. MCC Apostles/God... Huachuca City, AZ - 14.76
16. Whitewater Valley MCC... Richmond, IN - 14.60
17. New Covenant MCC.....Garden Grove, CA - 14.47
18. MCC Stockton Stockton, CA - 14.16
19. Christ the Liberator... Princeton, NJ - 14.03
20. Maranatha MCC Colorado Spgs., CO - 13.74

For more information and to register for any of our programs, please write us at Samaritan College, 3327 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA, 90004, or call at (213) 387-8086 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Pacific time on weekdays.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Elder Jean White is going to Mexico in late October. Please uphold Jean in your prayers during her visit with Dr. Armando Hernandez and ICM Mexico City. Also, do not forget the special offerings for ICM Mexico City on Nov. 2, 1985, All Saints Day.

FELLOWSHIP UPDATE

Hot off the Press is a new Church Services Catalogue (Code # CS-11) and order form. All MCC congregations will receive one complimentary catalogue. Any additional copies can be ordered for \$1.00 from the Fellowship Offices.

"God, Gays and the Gospel; This is Our Story", the Limited Edition, is still available for sale at the Fellowship Offices. The cost is \$ 102.40 outside of California and \$ 108.90 inside California, which includes Shipping Costs. (The difference is due to California State Tax).

Many thanks to the Following Churches who have contributed to Fellowship Sunday, as of October 23, 1985:

MCC Corpus Christi, TX	MCC Pittsburgh, PA
MCC Ocean of Life, CA	Mid-Cities MCC, TX
MCC Springfield Family, MO	MCC Columbus, OH
MCC of the Living Hope, TN	MCC of Baton Rouge, LA
MCC Springfield, MA	Ray of Hope MCC, NY
Christ Chapel MCC, CA	MCC Quad Cities, IA
Trinity MCC, NY	MCC London, England
MCC Birmingham, England	MCC of Northern Virginia, VA
MCC Topeka, KS	St. Mary's MCC, NC
Open Arms MCC, NY	MCC San Antonio, TX

Our thanks to the individuals who have faithfully contributed to Fellowship Sunday, as well.

PRAISES!!!

The first official General Council meeting was a grand success! We praise God for our Elders, District Coordinators and the Fellowship Staff.

Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson and Ms. Paula Schoenwether have moved into their new home. Praise God.

Congratulations to Rev. Emmett Watkins, the newly elected Pastor of Morning Star MCC, Worcester, MA.

Much success for the newly elected, as well as re-elected District Coordinators, Rev. LaPaula Turner, Great Lakes District, Rev. David Pelletier, Northwest District, Mr. Adam DeBaugh, Mid-Atlantic District, Mary Moore, South-Atlantic District (Interim District Coordinator) and Rev. Willie White, Northeast District. Congratulations!

Rev. Judy Dahl and Terry Miller have a new 9lb. 6oz. baby boy. They named him Noah. Congratulations and Blessings.

Congratulations to Rev. LaPaula Turner who has been recently elected to MCC Dayton Parish. Her new mailing address is: c/o MCC Dayton Parish, 665 Salem Avenue, Dayton, Ohio, 45406-5822 (513) 277-6448

Wanted!!! Praises! We know there are many blessings that you receive - do share them with our entire UFMCC family!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCC of Columbus, Ohio is currently looking for a full-time Pastor. Anyone interested should write to: MCC Columbus, P.O. Box 10009, Columbus, OH, 43201, attention: Pastoral Search Committee.

Samaritan is your College

Samaritan College wants you to be able to minister in the best possible way. We want you to be skilled; to have the tools you need; to polish and refine your talents, in short: to be educated. Lay people and clergy and any who fall between should be ready to bring the good news of Jesus' saving love to all those in our community who are in desperate need of that love. Here's how and when to prepare yourself in the time ahead:

- Friday 15 November, 7 to 10 p.m. and Saturday 16 November, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Los Angeles): Membership Development in Your Church. This course is designed for both laity and clergy to develop more effective outreach ministries. Now is your chance to learn how (and whether) your church can grow!

- Monday 6 January, Samaritan starts Interterm, a month long series of short courses designed to help those who are on the path to professional ministry. The courses include: Writing as a Ministry Tool; Biblical Exegesis; UFMCC Polity and Homosexuality and the Scriptures. All of these courses are offered for one credit and are valuable to lay people and clergy as well as student clergy.

- Friday 24 January, 7:30 p.m. through Sunday 26 January, 5:30 p.m. at MCC of the Pomona Valley: MCC Board of Directors Seminar. This is the first Fellowship-wide exploration of the challenges and opportunities of local MCC leadership. Now is your chance to learn how to direct your community church to more effective witness and work in your area. Although designed specifically for current board members, it will also prove invaluable for those considering board service in the future.

The Second Term of the 1985-86 academic year will begin on 10 February in Los Angeles and will include courses in Ethics; Theology; Sexuality/Spirituality and The Prophets From Isaiah to Troy. Second Term classes end the week of 23 May 1986 and Commencement for the Samaritan Class of 1986 will be held on Friday 30 May 1986.

The 1986 Orientation to MCC Pastoring will be held in the following times and places:

- Counseling and Christian Education, 9-22 June, 1986, at Joy MCC, Orlando, Florida

- Worship and Preaching, 16-29 June, 1986 at MCC Baltimore, Baltimore, Maryland

The full six week program will be offered from 7 July to 17 August at MCC of the Pomona Valley, Ontario, California. The California participants will be housed together on the campus of Astara College. Astara has agreed to turn over an entire air-conditioned dormitory of two room suites, and adjacent faculty house and the surrounding grounds and facilities to us for the entire summer program. For the first time, all of the students, faculty, staff and counselors will have the opportunity to work, study, play and live in shared space for the duration of the Orientation. All previous participants have agreed that the addition of campus housing would greatly improve the educational experience. Make your plans to attend!

Samaritan College is now running at close to capacity. It is exciting to see so many talented women and men turn on to education and ministry. Join us in the excitement and the fun.